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C. WHEN THE GAO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICE/PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT, IN THE CASE OF ORGANIZATIONS HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK, OR THE MISSION/ POST, IN THE CASE OF ORGANIZATIONS HEADQUARTERED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, WILL ASSURE THAT INQUIRY IS MADE OF THE ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS, AS APPROPRIATE, ABOUT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH A VISIT AND WILL MAKE SUCH ARRANGE-MENTS AS ARE POSSIBLE. NO GAO VISITS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICES/PROGRAMS ARE TO BE SCHEDULED UNITIL THE ORGANIZATION GIVES ITS CONCUREENCE. (IN THE CASE OF UNDP, OR OTHER AGENCY FIELD PROGRAMS BEING CARRIED ON BY THE SEVERAL AUTONOMOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; CLEARANCE FROM BOTH UNDP HEADQUARTERS AND THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED AGENCY HEADQUARTERS IS NECESSARY.) WHEN ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS ARE TO BE REVIEWED AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S CONCURRENCE MUST IN ALL CASES BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE OF TRAVEL TO THE COUNTRY CONCERNED;

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2. THESE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BY GAO WASHINGTON AND ALL GAO OVERSEAS DIRECTORS ARE AWARE OF THEM. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED SHOULD THE GAO FAIL TO ADHERE TO THEM.

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